

# Delaware Division of the Arts Announces Upcoming Events Featuring the Delaware Poets Laureate



## THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE ARTS ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS FEATURING THE DELAWARE POETS LAUREATE



The Delaware Division of the Arts announces six upcoming public events featuring the Delaware Poets Laureate, also known as the Twin Poets. Appointed in December 2015 as the 17th Poets Laureate of Delaware, identical twins Al Mills and Nnamdi Chukwuocha are social workers, award-winning spoken word poets, and community activists. The appointment marks the first time in the history of the position that it will have co-laureates, and the first time in history of the U.S. state poets laureate that such a position will be shared by siblings.

Please see upcoming events for August and October below. For more details, visit our website at <http://artsdel.org/poetlaureate/>. Hi-res headshot available by

request.

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## AUGUST

**WHAT:** [PawPaw Folk Festival](#)

**WHERE:** Blue Ball Barn at Alapocas Run State Park, 1914 West Park Dr, Wilmington, DE 19803

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Free with park admission

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Event has been cancelled.

~~**WHAT:** [Teen Open Mic & Poetry Slam](#)~~

~~**WHERE:** Bear Library, 101 Governor's Place, Bear, DE 19701~~

~~**WHEN:** Monday, August 22, 2016 from 6–8 p.m.~~

~~**MORE INFO:** Free, sponsored by the Child Placement Review Board~~

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**WHAT:** [TEDxWilmington Annual Conference](#): “Two Poets, One Vision: The Art of the Spoken Word”

**WHERE:** World Café Live at the Queen, 500 N Market St, Wilmington, DE 19801

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 24, 2016 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** \$100, tickets can be purchased [here](#)

## OCTOBER

**WHAT:** Teen Read Week: Poetry Rocks

**WHERE:** Bear Library, 101 Governor's Place, Bear, DE 19701

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 6–7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Free; more details to come

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**WHAT:** Listen Up! Workshop

**WHERE:** The Old State House, 25 The Green, Dover, DE 19901

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 1–4 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Free, sponsored by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

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**WHAT:** [Art Salad hosted by the Delaware Contemporary](#)

**WHERE:** The Delaware Contemporary, 200 S Madison St, Wilmington, DE 19801

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 27, 2016 from 12–1 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Free

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### **About the Poet Laureate Program**

[Delaware's Poet Laureate](#) is an honorary position appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Poet Laureate serves as an advocate, educator, and presenter of poetry throughout the state. Activities for this position have included:

- Promoting the importance of poetry and the literary arts as part of Delaware's cultural heritage
- Speaking at such official state functions as the opening of state legislative sessions, the Governor's Awards for the Arts, conferences, and public ceremonies

- Presenting readings and poetry discussions in educational settings and community events across the state
- Developing poetry programming and presentation opportunities in collaboration with the Division of the Arts to support the Division's program goals

The Delaware Division of the Arts promotes the Poet Laureate's events and activities and manages the Poet Laureate's calendar of appearances. The Division also provides a stipend to the Poet Laureate for appearances at nonprofit organizations.

### **About the Delaware Division of the Arts**

The [Delaware Division of the Arts](http://artsdel.org) is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. For more information about the Delaware Division of the Arts, visit [artsdel.org](http://artsdel.org) or call 302-577-8278.

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